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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A disposable absorbent article for wearing on or about a lower torso of a wearer for receiving bodily exudates, the disposable absorbent article comprising:
 - a topsheet,
 - a backsheet;
 - an absorbent core disposed between at least a portion of the topsheet and the backsheet;
 - an acceptance element, wherein the acceptance element comprises one or more apertures each having an effective aperture size of between about 0.2 square mm to about 25 square mm; and
 - a fecal storage element comprising a macroporous material disposed between at least a portion of the acceptance element and the absorbent core, wherein the fecal storage element has a compressive resistance of at least about 70%;wherein the topsheet, the backsheet, the absorbent core, the acceptance element, and the fecal storage element are all separate elements from each other that are joined to define the article.
2. (Previously Presented) The disposable absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the acceptance element has an effective open area of at least 30%.
3. (Previously Presented) The disposable absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the topsheet is selected from the group consisting of: a porous foam, a reticulated foam, an apertured plastic film, a woven web of natural fibers, a nonwoven web of

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natural fibers, a woven web of synthetic fibers, a nonwoven web of synthetic fibers, a woven web comprising natural and synthetic fibers, and a nonwoven web comprising natural and synthetic fibers.

4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously Presented) The disposable absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the storage element includes a macro-particulate structure comprising a multiplicity of particles.
6. (Original) The disposable absorbent article of claim 5, wherein the particles are absorbent.
7. (Original) The disposable absorbent article of claim 5, wherein the particles are non-absorbent.
8. (Canceled)
9. (Canceled)
10. (Currently Amended) A disposable absorbent article for wearing on or about a lower torso of a wearer for receiving bodily exudates, the disposable absorbent article comprising:
 - a liquid pervious topsheet;
 - a liquid impervious backsheet;
 - an absorbent core disposed between at least a portion of the liquid pervious topsheet and the liquid impervious backsheet,
 - an acceptance element wherein the acceptance element has an effective open area of at least 30%; and

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a fecal storage element comprising a macroporous material disposed between at least a portion of the acceptance element and the absorbent core, wherein the fecal storage element has a compressive resistance of at least about 70%; wherein the topsheet, the backsheet, the absorbent core, the acceptance element, and the fecal storage element are all separate elements from each other that are joined to define the article.

11. (Previously Presented) The disposable absorbent article of claim 10, wherein the liquid pervious topsheet is selected from the group consisting of: a porous foam, a reticulated foam, an apertured plastic film, a woven web of natural fibers, a nonwoven web of natural fibers, a woven web of synthetic fibers, a nonwoven web of synthetic fibers, a woven web comprising natural and synthetic fibers, and a nonwoven web comprising natural and synthetic fibers.
12. (Canceled)
13. (Canceled)
14. (Canceled)
15. (Previously Presented) The disposable absorbent article of claim 10, wherein the storage element includes a macro-particulate structure comprising a multiplicity of particles.
16. (Original) The disposable absorbent article of claim 15, wherein the particles are absorbent.
17. (Original) The disposable absorbent article of claim 15, wherein the particles are non-absorbent.

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18. (New) The disposable absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the macroporous material is selected from the group consisting of large cell open foams, nonwoven highlofts, fibrous looped material, vertically oriented strands of looped strands of fibers, absorbent structures having punched holes or depressions, and mixtures thereof.
19. (New) The disposable absorbent article of claim 5, wherein the particles have a nominal size of between about 2 mm and about 16 mm.